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THE AUSTRALIAN RUSTIC FARM ART AWARD

The Gidgegannup Agricultural Society (Inc) is pleased to announce that the Australian Rustic Farm Art Award (ARFAA) is returning to the 2024 Gidgegannup Show.

This annual Award was created after the Wooroloo fires of 2021 to show respect to local community members still recovering from the devastation.

With over 40 entries in the competition last year, the Award goes from strength to strength and the subject of the competition is a specific genre of sculpture pertinent to the greater Hills area's love of rustic machinery. Crowds of up to 10,000 have been known at earlier displays.

For the third time, Bendigo Bank Mundaring is kindly sponsoring the first prize of \$3,500 and all prizes will be presented at the Show to be held on Saturday 26 October. The Gidgegannup Agricultural Society is most grateful for the support Bendigo Bank Mundaring continues to give to this not-for-profit community arts award.

The competition is open to all ages and genders and no previous experience is necessary.

Entrants are encouraged to take a trip to the tip where the best potential rustic artifacts can be found.



The Rustic Rider



Each community group receiving a generous big 'little' cheque

For an opportunity to learn how to create beautiful things out of scrap, see Page 11.

With the continued much-appreciated support of the City of Swan, junior artists are encouraged to enter this year. Congratulations also to CWA Gidgegannup for sponsoring the new Children's Section.

LIGHTNING ROUND GRANT AWARDS NIGHT

The Community Bank Mundaring Lightning Grant Round Awards Night was a resounding success, hosted in the Bendigo Room at The Mundaring Arena with a turnout of over 180 guests. Among them were representatives from various community groups ranging from schools and sporting clubs to Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades. The evening was marked by good food, drinks & ample opportunities for networking among like-minded individuals.

Each community group invited had the privilege of receiving a generous big 'little' cheque, symbolising the financial support provided by Community Bank Mundaring.

The event also welcomed esteemed guests including Mundaring Shire President, Councillors and the CEO, alongside Bendigo's State Manager, Joe Faraone, and our Regional Manager, Ashley Blower.

This Lightning Grant Round was particularly impactful, with an impressive return of \$491,906.83, contributing to a total community investment of \$897,715.40 for the 2023-24 Financial Year.

The Awards Night served not only to celebrate these contributions but also to highlight the significant role Community Bank Mundaring plays in supporting the local community. Importantly, it reinforced the message that the more business the

bank receives, the greater its capacity to give back to the community.

Overall, attendees left the event deeply impressed by the generosity shown through the grants awarded, underscoring the profound impact of Community Bank Mundaring on local initiatives and organisations.

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VALE SANDRA

Marcus Hemsted

President, Gidgegannup Agricultural Society.

Sandra had an impact on all of us as individuals. Her long-standing involvement in the community and her dedication, passion and professionalism in the production of the *Gidgegram* and other local publications leaves an enduring legacy that may not have always been fully appreciated at the time, but we know will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Committee, I convey our heartfelt condolences to Sandra's family at this difficult time.

From Sally Block

Sandra's passing has been a great shock to all her family and friends and is so desperately sad for all of us.

I have known Sandra for over twenty years through community groups. First of all the Community website and then Experience Gidgegannup where she was of such tremendous help, and, of course, the *Gidgegram*. Sandra took over the editorship and transformed the *Gidgegram* from virtually one sheet to the informative community publication it is now. I have been submitting material for this for a very long time and she has been always helpful and patient as I get the material to her, *normally at the last moment!*

I will remember Sandra as someone with a touch of magic. Just talk to her about how we would like something to look and her amazing talent produced exactly what you were thinking of, but better.

We will miss you very much Sandra for the wonderful person you were and for your magic.

From Lidia Myburgh

In memory of Sandra Faye Harms, Artist, neighbour and dear friend...

I hold such treasured memories of our neighbourhood morning walks. Sandra, Sue and I would meet most weekday mornings, together with our dogs. We walked the same route each day, yet it was never the same for us. We shared our views on politics, books, all manner of good food, good wine, good men and gardening. We chatted about our work and shared all the family milestones.

We shared dawns with flocks of black cockatoos, pink and grey galahs, and local kangaroos; we saw streaky sunrises and white moon-falls. And we never ceased to marvel at the magic of foggy mornings, the frothy swirling waters of the winter creek, tiny wild-flowers in spring and the clear blue hues of an early summer sky.

Our walks always ended with more chat at Sandra's bottom gate while the dogs played. It became our place in time where the outer world and the familial could collide.

Sue and I continue to walk with our dogs to carry on the fine tradition of circling, of providing a loving embrace around our homes for those within and for those who have gone from us.

We walk, and remember with love the special warmth, wisdom and wit in the companionship that Sandra gave us, forever grateful for having known such a good neighbour, a true community spirit and dear friend.



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A life of art
In every bit of painted sky and bush
A palette of your heart
Forever etched
in ours



Gidgegram loses its leading light

Ieva Tomsons

If ever there was a team player, it was Sandra Faye Harms. Sandra never hesitated to lend a hand or share her knowledge of graphic design which was extensive.

From the age of sixteen she honed her craft in Perth at a time when designers drew from scratch but she readily adapted to technical advances and whole-heartedly embraced change in the printing industry.

Before settling with her husband Peter in Morangup in 1995, Sandra worked as a graphic designer in Germany and back in Perth created advertising campaigns for many well-known companies.

The *Gidgegram* was very fortunate that she added her design skills for nominal remuneration and created arguably the best community newsletter in the state.

Another publication that benefitted greatly from her expertise was The Toodyay Herald where her eye-catching advertisements and layout skills elevated the paper to a more-professional level. Her ability to create tailor-made advertisements for clients at both publications certainly added to the coffers of both papers.

Sandra was a great believer in not monopolising skills and information and would quote her old boss in Germany who stressed the need to "open up the bottom drawer – because you don't know when you'll be run over by a bus so share what you know".

Many community groups benefitted from Sandra's skills which she provided at the drop of a hat and free of charge.

When bauxite mining threatened to impact Morangup, Sandra became a founding member of the Avon & Hills Mining Awareness Group (AHMAG) providing graphics for the group's website & countless flyers and promotional material. She was also a formidable campaigner at a grassroots level.

Sandra loved the bush and created wonderful silkscreen stencils which she applied to manchester items for friends and family. Her banksia-inspired tote bags for AHMAG were a top-seller for the community group.

She was an integral part of the local community and her self-effacing contributions will be sorely missed by many.

As a measure of people's respect for Sandra many friends and colleagues attended her funeral in Midland late last month.

Sincere condolences to Peter Harms and her children Alexander, Christiane and Sarah.



Experience Gidgegannup *in the hills*

Experience Gidge AGM coming up...

In June we held our Debriefing Meeting after the Field Day and took the whole event apart to see what worked and what didn't and how we could improve it next time.

This is always a great exercise directly after the event because if you leave it a while you tend to forget the things that didn't quite make it. The Committee Members always go round during the Field Day talking to exhibitors, visitors, entertainers and getting their views.

So, next thing is the AGM - to see if anyone is brave enough to do everything again. The meeting will be on Tuesday 30 July at 7.30pm at 661 Reserve Road, Gidgegannup, and we combine the evening with the Community Website AGM as most of us are on both committees. Visitors are welcome and we also welcome with open arms anyone wanting to join us.

We've already got lots of plan for SFFD 2025 but will take a bit of time to regroup.

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A wonderful 100th CWA State Conference and AGM was held at the Joondalup Resort between 9-11 July where over 300 women from 109 Branches, including Gidgegannup, gathered together.

It is with great pride that CWA Gidge can announce that our nomination for Young Volunteer of the Year, Paige Evans, won as co-recipient with Ayden Stenton, nominated by the Forrest Darlings Branch. Paige and Ayden shared the \$1,000 prize.

Well done Paige!! We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing about your achievements in the future.

Learn a new skill and meet new friends

Do you need to learn how to put up a hem or sew on those buttons? How about altering that dress to fit? CWA Gidge is happy to announce that we will be open on Mondays between 9.00am and midday to help you to learn sewing, knitting, crochet and possibly any other craft you may be interested in.

We are also open Wednesday and Friday 10am - 2pm in the CWA Hall inside the Gidge Showgrounds, to the right of the main entrance. Our craft shop is open during these hours.

Please email our Community Co-ordinator at terrianne_mcdonald@yahoo.com.au or Branch Secretary Mary Bennett on 0429 080 206 if you are interested in more information.

We look forward to meeting you.



L-R: Immediate Past State President of the CWA of WA, Anne Gething, Paige Evans, Mia Davies, MLA.

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Gidge Gossips

By Sally Block

What a very sad day, which none of us expected, hearing of the passing of Sandra Harms. Sandra cheerfully put up with all our vagaries and "brilliant ideas" and cheerfully got on with producing this Newsletter so well. We are all going to miss her so much and condolences and love to her family in this awful time. *Rest in Peace Sandra, you were so loved by us all.*



At last we're getting the rain we've been waiting for, for so long. Here at the corner of Reen and Reserve 169mm in June and 112mm to date in July, with more to come. The total so far for 2024 is 418mm and at the end of July 2023 the total was 419mm, so we are doing a bit better. The problem last year was that there was very little in August, September wasn't not too bad but then in the last three months just over an inch, totalling 575mm for the whole year. Coupled with a drying pattern, that meant run off into the dams was very poor. Let's hope we do better this year as the gardens suffered so much and followed by the hot blast for a few days in summer, it really wasn't great.



Our gardening is slowly recovering though the chainsaw is going to be busy this spring dealing with the plants that don't recover. Bulbs are springing up everywhere already and have benefited from the dry summer and no retic, so there is always a bonus.



Our brooks are now flowing well but nowhere near the levels they should be. Thank goodness some paddocks are recovering well - the low-lying paddocks with loamy soils are great but once you get into the gravel areas higher up, not so good.



This has not deterred a few calves from appearing, so we will need to get rid of some of the herd this spring; the lawnmowers will be on their way. At last there are three more studs in the State, mostly down south, so a lot more interest in the Lowlines.



The Show preparations are progressing well and don't forget that if you can spare a few hours beforehand or on the day, it would be a fantastic help to the organisers.



Seems the North Stoneville Structure Plan is in the news again - check out <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/north-stoneville-structure-plan-34> Following the submission of a further amended Structure Plan, the respondent and applicant will each file a Statement of Issues, Facts and Contentions and a bundle of documents relevant to their case by 12 July 2024 and 9 August 2024 respectively.

Applications to intervene under Section 37(3) of the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004 or to make submissions under Section 242 of the Planning Development Act 2005 are to be made to the Tribunal by 23 August 2024.

The matter is then listed for a further Directions Hearing at SAT at 2.00pm on 30 August 2024 so that the Tribunal can continue programming the matter towards a final hearing. This will include listing the matter for a further directions hearing so that the Tribunal can determine any intervention and submission applications that have been made.

The saga continues....



The Progress Association is also thinking of a name change to Gidgegannup Ratepayers Association. *Your thoughts?*



Don't forget the Horses' Birthday on 1st August and give them a treat.

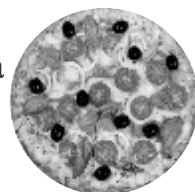


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Next Meetings: 19th August, 16th September & 21st October 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

July Meeting

ANNUAL FIRE NOTICE:

Consultation has opened on the updated fire break notice for City of Swan. The link is <https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/draftfirenotice>

Reasons for changes are given in the FAQ, and proposed changes in the fact sheet.

Comment: This will make little difference to Gidgegannup. Changes are:

Install firebreaks as close as practicable inside of, but no more than 10m from, the property's external boundaries. Firebreaks need to be 3 metres wide with 4.5 metres vertical height clearance free from flammable materials and overhanging branches (see clause 7 for further details).

A boundary firebreak is not required where the land is 90% or more is covered by buildings, other non-vegetated areas, irrigated orchards/vineyards, and all grass is maintained to 10cm or less.

RENOVATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, GIDGE SHOWGROUNDS: GPA wrote to City:

At the GPA meeting of 17th June, 2024 a discussion took place regarding the Renovation of the Agricultural Hall at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds and the following is the Item in the Minutes:

"B. RENOVATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, GIDGE SHOWGROUNDS

The GPA asked the Councillors if there was a timeframe for renovation works. Organisers of the Small Farm Field Day (2025) and Gidge Ag Show Day (2024 and 2025) would appreciate plenty of notice so that an alternate location can be procured.

Gordon Caine said that the Square Dancers Club would need at least 3 months' notice to find another premises for their activities. He feels that if they have to meet out of district, the Club will close down.

It was felt that a similar impact would be experienced by other local clubs and Showground User Groups. The large exclusion zone set up for construction activities around the Building would not help those needing space and access for vehicles and machinery (Menshed).

MEMBER suggested the Rec Club, but there would need to be discussions given the Rec Club's own commitments and scheduling for local sporting groups."

Concern was also expressed that if clubs could not continue to hold meetings regularly what would be the effect on these clubs and the community generally. It was also felt that the Show and the Field Day were going to be facing some difficulties to hold these events without adequate infrastructure.

We need a time frame and plenty of notice. The City also needs to inform clubs and associations of alternative arrangements that are being made for them to hold meetings and events and who is going to finance any associated expenditure.

One partial solution could be that the Mens Shed are indicating that substantial progress has been made with the planning for them to relocate to the Tennis Court site and this could be achieved by the end of 2025. This would free up the Ian Stannard Pavilion and other groups could possibly then use that as a venue.

This needs urgent discussion and advice to all user groups. *We look forward to hearing from you.*

Comment: We have not, as yet, received a response to this enquiry.

Suggestions for alternate meeting places for GPA: Landcare building (consult Agricultural Society), Fire stations meeting rooms (consult East and West Gidgegannup Brigades).

Felt length of time for renovation was unreasonable and would strongly impact user groups.

Contact other user groups of Showgrounds and strongly request them to write to City with their concerns. Complaints must be in writing and preferably copied to our Councillors.

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RECONSIDERATION - REFUSAL OF INDUSTRY -
EXTRACTIVE - Lot 201 (No.165) Reen Road,
GIDGEGANNUP - DA-920/2022**

In response to your submission on this proposal, this email is to advise that Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024, considered the above matter and resolved to: Adopt the staff recommendation to approve the application for proposed "Industry-Extractive" at Lot 201 (No.165) Reen Road, Gidgegannup but with a modification to the recommended condition 4 so as it reads as follows:

That Council resolve to:

Approve the application for proposed 'Industry – Extractive' at Lot 201 (No.165) Reen Road, Gidgegannup subject to the following conditions:

This approval is for 'Industry - Extractive' as defined by the City of Swan Local Planning Scheme No.17 and is valid for a period of five (5) years only whereupon the Applicant/ Owner must make a further application for approval to continue the use.

Extraction and processing operations shall only occur during the period of May to October, Monday to Friday and during the hours 7.00am to 4.30pm.

Extraction activity is to occur only within the existing and proposed new firebreak areas as depicted on the attached Site Plan No.9622-FIG-05-G.

Prior to the use of the site driveway for the transportation of any material extracted from the site, the owner is to have the driveway, as depicted on Site Plan No.9622-FIG-05-G, sealed to a standard satisfactory to the City of Swan."

Within 120 days of the date of this approval the Applicant / Owner is to prepare and submit to the satisfaction of the City of Swan, on advice of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, a Drainage Management Plan detailing means to detain water onsite and to prevent the export of sediment from extractive activities into the existing creek onsite. The Applicant/Owner is required to construct and maintain any works subject of the approved

Drainage Management Plan and maintain these to the satisfaction of the City of Swan for the duration of extraction operations onsite.

Within 90 days of the date of this approval the Applicant/ Owner is to submit to the satisfaction of the City of Swan a Revegetation Plan for the select revegetation of portions of the site to effect visual and dust screening. The Applicant/ Owner is required to plant the vegetation subject of the approved Revegetation Plan and to maintain it thereafter to the satisfaction of the City of Swan.

Extraction activities within 200m of the residence on Lot 254 Reen Road (north of the subject site) are to be carried out only when winds are northerly or easterly at a velocity greater than 5m per second.

Crushing activity shall only occur in the laydown area gravel stockpile area as depicted on the attached Site Plan No.9622-FIG-05-G.

Prior to any crushing occurring within the laydown area, a 3m high earth bund is to be constructed around the areas' northern and eastern perimeters.

Vegetation outside of the existing firebreak areas is not to be cleared.

Operations are required to be undertaken in accordance with the Dust Management and Mitigation actions set out in Section No.4 of the Dust Management Plan by Coterra Environment (April 2024).

Operations are required to be undertaken in accordance with the Fauna Management actions set out in Section 4.4.2 of the Environmental Assessment Report by Coterra Environment (December 2022).

Excavation within existing firebreaks is to ensure that the firebreaks have been remediated sufficiently for these to be functionally accessible for emergency vehicles by the commencement of the bushfire season each year.

Should you have any queries please contact Philip Russell on 9267 9225 or via Philip.Russell@swan.wa.gov.au

Comment: Strong feeling that existing firebreaks were navigable and should not ...continued on page 8

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require this sort of excavation and view that this is likely to cause problems with banks being formed, undermining of fencing and concern over replacement fill for rocks.

GIDGE CAR NUMBER PLATES

Community Member wrote: I live locally and am interested in sourcing some Gidgegannup plates for my vehicle but understand the Gidge football club plates are no longer available.

Just wondering if the GPA would consider registering as an association with the dept of transport so we could make a new Gidgegannup series of number plates? Similar to what the Bakers hill progress association has done. Link below for your reference. From what I understand - there is a benefit in the way of fundraising the association.

[Buy Bakers Hill License Plates - Bakers Hill Progress & Recreation Association](#)

GPA contacted Department of Transport:

Response: Thank you for your recent enquiry to the Department of Transport (DoT) requesting the manufacture of a number plate series for your organisation for fundraising purposes. Please refer to the attached information regarding Sporting and Fundraising series plates.

Please be aware that new applications for Sporting and Fundraising series plate will be accepted subject to the following requirements and conditions:

Submission of an application for the proposed plate series via [Application for Corporate, Fundraising and Local Authority Plate Series \(E68\) form](#), accompanied with written authorisation from your organisation and an electronic image of the organisation logo.

Payment of design and production costs of a sample plate(s). Please note that all plate designs are subject to DoT approval.

Commitment to a minimum initial order of 30 number plates, with a subsequent minimum requirement for 10 plates per year thereafter.

Advance payment for number plates is required prior to manufacturing.

Certificates of Right to Display and Trade the number plates will be issued in the name of your organisation.

A [Transfer of Right to Display \(VL176\) form](#) must be completed by the organisation and the new plate holder when the entitlement to the plate combination changes (i.e. when plates are sold by the organisation).

A transfer fee (currently \$101.10) is payable by the new Certificate of Entitlement holder.

Requests for additional plates must comply with the requirements of items 4-7 above.

We look forward to working with you regarding your Sporting and Fundraising series plates. Should you require further information or assistance please contact PlatesWA Team at plates@transport.wa.gov.au or via telephone on 1300 765 106.

We have checked with Football Club is they wish to continue with the Number plate fund raising and am waiting to hear from them.

Had a conversation with the ex president of the Footie Club. It appears that there were two reasons they stopped Expense. Even 10 years ago when the last lot were issued the price was creeping up to \$300.

There were two runs of plates Gidge 1-100 and 1-100 Gidge. So there are 200 in circulation. Footie club might think about starting this again, in which case only courteous for us to step back as it was and is their idea. They might also be able to reactivate the original format.

Tip - Possibly/Probably some of these Gidge plates have been handed in and the Department of Licencing apparently keep them so worth asking if there are any that they have.

Vale Sandra Harms

It was reported that sadly Sandra Harms had passed away after a short illness. The GPA will be sending their condolences to Peter and the family.

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF NAME

It is felt that the name "Gidgegannup Ratepayers' Association" might be more reflective of the aims of the Association. A discussion took place and it was decided that this suggestion would need to be advertised to Association members and the community to get their feedback.

Motion: That the Gidgegannup Progress Association's name be changed to the "Gidgegannup Ratepayers' Association" to reflect the aims of the Association at this time.



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Around the Paddock by The Farmer



Vale Sandra Faye Harms

With a heavy heart, while this month's Around the Farm was being penned, I received information of the passing of the much-valued and respected editor of "The Gram" - Sandra Harms. She leaves very large shoes to fill.

Finally July has come and produced a few days of decent rainfall, stock dams are filling and creeks starting to trickle. Household water tanks also getting close to full, fortunately.

Paddock growth is slow but now there is a change of diet for our stock with some green "pick" along with the hay & hard feeding. However, although there's greenery everywhere, don't be fooled by it as it won't be enough to sustain your livestock. There's not too much nourishment in the green alone at present, so keep that dry feed coming. Fortunately not quite so much hay needs to be fed out now.

Bleating lambs soon attract the attention of marauding dogs and foxes. We've been hearing them, particularly on the cooler nights, scouting around for a feed and if you can find the fox's den, placing poison baits in the vicinity is a proven way of culling this cruel killer.

On the other hand, if dogs are not exercised regularly, kept in a secure, dog-proof compound at night and during the day if no one is home, they can also play havoc with other people's livestock. This is the time of the year when signs start appearing nailed to trees: *"Much-loved family pet missing. Reward, call"* One response I saw tacked under a message last year said: *"Don't bother looking anymore, it's been shot."*

So properly-constructed dog fencing or a compound is

a top priority these days and there are several types of fabricated netting suitable for these compounds. To stop any digging under the fence, a portion can be buried, which is labour intensive. The best option I find is the type of netting that has an apron attached to the bottom which is hinged and is far enough out from the upright fence to stop digging underneath.

A couple of 12-volt electric wires is a sure-fire way to stop escape artists. One wire at or near the top of the fence and a second one about 30cm off the ground and normally one zap is enough and they don't come back for more.

The other option is a single 12-volt wire either fixed to the fence or just left on the ground in close proximity to it. The dogs wear a special collar and, as they get close to the wire, zapping occurs. The closer they get, the stronger the pulse will be. Sometimes, if something on the other side of the fence stirs their interest, they may decide to give it a go and burst through the pain barrier. Most breeds have more sense, but there is always the exception.

Good quality fences and electric systems are proven to be very effective and work extremely well. One of the worst things anyone can find is mauled, maimed or killed stock, but even worse is a much-loved family pet suffering the same fate.

Be aware that the onus is on dog owners to be responsible and to know where their dogs are, day and night. If it can be proven that someone's dog has caused grief, then the penalties can be brutal, for the dogs and owners alike.

With crops planted and now upright and standing, the time is coming to start thinking about top dressing. To get that succulent growth, an application or two of urea, either liquid or granular, will give the plants that extra boost during the spring growing season and planted crops and pasture do benefit greatly from any help they can get.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Have your say on the City of Swan's local heritage

We have entered stage two of the local heritage survey and heritage list review for all suburbs, except Guildford, Midland, Bellevue and Woodbridge.

Local heritage surveys are collections of places that are, or may become, of local cultural heritage significance.

You are invited to contribute to this exciting project by helping us recognise, celebrate and protect our local heritage.

Stage two nominations are open until August 11, 2024.



Have your say at
www.swanengage.com/LHS-stage2



Local Heritage Surveys recognise places that are, or may become, of local cultural heritage significance & help the City acknowledge, celebrate and protect local history. The LHS Review is conducted in three stages to allow for a detailed review of each area.

- Stage One: Midland, Woodbridge and Bellevue
- Stage Two: All suburbs outside of Stages One and Three
- Stage Three: Guildford

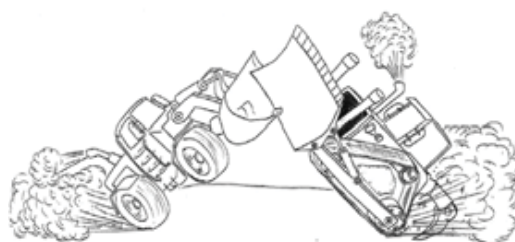
We are currently in Stage Two, with nominations open until 11 August 2024.

Once this date is reached, we will assess the existing and newly nominated places and all the information will be advertised, along with any changes to existing listings, before the full report is presented to Council for adoption.

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The night before the big battle, the knights in the first kingdom drink and party into the late hours of the night.

The knights in the second kingdom aren't as well off, but have their own supply of grog and drink well into the night. In the third camp, the faithful squire gets a rope and swings it over the branch of a tall tree, making a noose, and hangs a pot from it. He fills the pot with stew and has a humble dinner with the old knight.

The next morning, the knights in the first two kingdoms are hungover and unable to fight, while the knight in the third kingdom is old and weary, unable to get up. In place of the knights, the squires from all three kingdoms go and fight. The battle lasts long into the night but by the time the dust settled, only one squire was left standing - the squire from the third kingdom.

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Goat Exhibits

This year Gidge Show is privileged to host the premier Goat Show in WA. A very comprehensive range of breeds will be on the ground, both in competition classes and for exhibition. Added to the standard Sections previously included in the Schedule, for the first time Gidge Show is welcoming a full program of Pygmy Goat judging classes.

Breeds in the Competition classes include Saanen, Toggenburg, British Alpine, Anglo Nubian, Nigerian



Dwarf, Boer and Angora along with Pygmy Goats. There is a Section for Mohair fleeces.

Other new classes

Added to the Hall classes this year are P103 Sourdough, S209 Weaving - any article and, for the first time, in the Livestock area, judging classes for House Cows.



A very important Special Class in Section P: Cooking, is the CWA 100th Anniversary Cake and the chosen recipe a longtime favourite - Lamingtons.

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Show Tickets

GAS is taking steps to minimise cash handling at the Show gates. Tickets can be purchased online through www.eventbrite.com.au from the end of August & EFTPOS purchases can be made at the Gates.

When are you shearing your sheep?

If it's between now and the beginning of October, how about keeping a few fleeces on hand to enter in our classes at the Gidge Show to be held on Saturday 26 October. There are classes for Merino, Crossbred and Other Breeds and Coloured Sheep.

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